

Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Client Guidebook

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Where to Find It

In this booklet, you will find information about Nebraska's Medicaid Managed Care Program. **You still have full Medicaid coverage!** Managed Care only changes how you get your medical care. Please take a few minutes to review the information in this booklet and if you have questions, call the Medicaid Enrollment Center at:

Toll Free 1-888-255-2605
Local in the Lincoln area (402) 471-7715

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What is Medicaid Managed Care?

Medicaid Managed Care Program is how you will receive your Medicaid Health Benefits. Your Managed Care plan will provide the services you need. You will have a doctor, called your Primary Care Provider (PCP), who will coordinate your health care needs. The Managed Care Program is designed to help you stay healthy. The Medicaid program is run by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

What Are the Benefits of Managed Care?

You will receive access to medical care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your PCP will provide the services you need to stay well and to help you when you are sick. Your PCP will refer you to specialists as needed. You will also learn ways to stay healthy, and receive help with managing your health care and any problems you have.

Your Rights as a Patient

You have the right to:

1. Be treated with respect, dignity, and without discrimination or retaliation.
2. Be given information about your illness or medical condition; understand the treatment options, risks, and benefits; and make informed decisions about whether or not you will receive treatment.
3. Participate in decisions about your health care including the right to refuse treatment.
4. Talk with your doctor and health plan and know your medical information will be kept confidential.
5. Choose a doctor (PCP) and health plan. Your PCP may be a Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant.
6. Have access to your doctor (PCP) and health plan.
7. Receive medical care in a timely manner.
8. Request a copy of your medical record and request changes to your medical record.
9. Make a complaint about your doctor and/or health plan and receive a timely response.
10. Receive information on the medical services provided by your health plan.
11. Change your PCP at any time.
12. Change your health plan within 90 days of initial enrollment or every 12 months without reason after your initial enrollment.
13. Have Managed Care and health plan materials explained if you do not understand them.
14. Have interpreters at no cost, if necessary, during medical appointments and in all discussions with your PCP, or health plan.
15. Request a fair hearing if services are denied, terminated, or reduced.
16. Make advance directives, if desired, and receive assistance if needed.
17. Receive proper medical care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

No person may be subjected to discrimination in any Department of Health and Human Services program or activity based on their race, color, sex, age, national origin, religious creed, political beliefs or handicap.

Your Responsibilities as a Patient

You have the responsibility to:

1. Understand, to the best of your ability, how Managed Care is used to receive health care.
2. Choose a health plan and doctor as a PCP within 15 days.
3. Take your Medicaid ID card and Managed Care Plan ID card to all medical appointments.
4. Keep your scheduled appointments with your doctor.
5. Call your doctor's office at least 24 hours in advance if your appointment must be rescheduled.
6. Tell your doctor your medical problems.
7. Ask questions if you do not understand.
8. Follow your doctor's orders and advice.
9. Assist in the transfer of your medical records.
10. Get services from your PCP unless referred elsewhere.
11. Report to AccessNebraska if your address has changed, you are or become pregnant or any other changes that could affect your Medicaid eligibility or Managed Care coverage.
12. Cooperate with all Managed Care inquiries and surveys.
13. Choose providers who participate in the Managed Care plan you choose.

How do I Enroll in a Managed Care Plan?

You have the choice to enroll in one of two Managed Care health plans. You live in Service Area 1* so you can choose **CoventryCares of Nebraska** or **UnitedHealthcare Community Plan (Share Advantage)** for your Managed Care plan. The chart on pages 6 and 7 can help in deciding which plan is right for you. You will also need to choose a doctor as your Primary Care Provider (PCP). The provider directory at the end of this guide can help you find out if your current doctor is a provider in the Managed Care plans.

To enroll in a Managed Care plan and choose your PCP, you must:

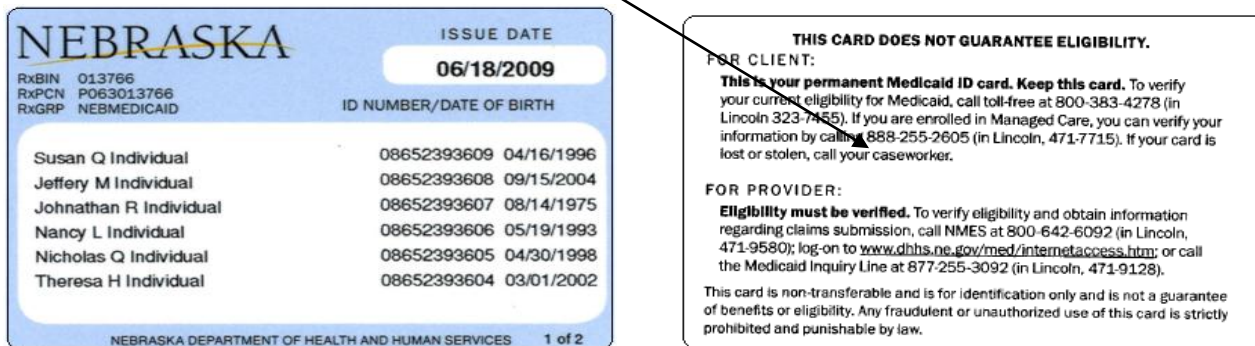
- Contact the Medicaid Enrollment Center at (402) 471-7715 in Lincoln or 1-888-255-2605 outside of Lincoln and let the choice counselor know who you want to choose for your health plan and doctor. **Even if you already have a doctor, you still need to call.**
- You can call the Medicaid Enrollment Center between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time), Monday through Friday.
- You must contact the Medicaid Enrollment Center **within 15 days** to let them know your choice of a health plan and PCP.
- ***If you do not pick a health plan and PCP within 15 days, a Managed Care plan and doctor will be chosen for you.***
- Interpretation services are available at no cost if you need them.

Once you have enrolled in a Managed Care plan, you will receive a member handbook from that plan. Refer to this with any questions regarding your chosen plan.

*Service Area 1 covers the following counties: Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Gage, Lancaster, Otoe, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward, and Washington.

How to Use Your Medicaid ID Card

1. You must bring your Medicaid ID card with you to every doctor appointment and everywhere you receive medical care.
2. The Medicaid ID card has this information on it:
 - The names of you and your family members
 - The Medicaid number of you and your family members
 - The date of birth of you and your family members
 - The phone number of the Medicaid Enrollment Center



3. You will also receive an ID card from your Managed Care plan. **BE SURE TO BRING BOTH CARDS TO EVERY DOCTOR APPOINTMENT.**

Remember: You must present your Medicaid ID card and your Managed Care Plan ID card wherever you receive medical care!

How do I Get Care?

1. If you get sick or need a checkup, call your Primary Care Provider (PCP).
2. If your family member is sick or needs a checkup, call their PCP.
3. If you cannot keep the doctor's appointment, you need to call your doctor's office and tell them.
4. It is very important to call the doctor's office at least 24 hours in advance if you need to cancel the appointment.
5. If you cancel an appointment, make arrangements with your doctor's office for a new appointment.
6. If you need to see a specialist, talk with your PCP first.

For example: If your child needs to see an ear doctor, your child's PCP will recommend which ear doctor you should take your child to.

7. The providers you see must be in the Managed Care plan network you have chosen.

Note: There are a few exceptions to this rule-

- Dental services (you must go to a dentist who accepts Medicaid)
- Family planning services (you may go to any provider but they must accept Medicaid)
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse services (you must go to a provider in the mental health network)

Emergency Care

An emergency is considered any condition that could endanger your life or cause permanent disability if not treated immediately. If you are having an emergency, call 911 or go to the closest emergency room. Emergency services must be provided whether or not they are in the Managed Care plan network you have chosen.



The following are examples of emergencies:

- *A serious accident*
- *Chest pains*
- *Severe bleeding*
- *Difficulty breathing*
- *Poisoning*
- *Stroke*
- *Severe burns*

You must see your PCP for all follow-up care! Do not return to the emergency room for the follow-up care. Your doctor will either provide or authorize this follow-up care.

Urgent Care

Urgent care is when you are not in a life-threatening situation and have time to call your PCP. If you have an urgent care situation, call your PCP to get instructions. Your PCP is available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Some examples of urgent care are:

- Fever
- Stomach pain
- Earaches
- Headache
- Symptoms of cold or flu



Services Covered by your Managed Care Plan

- Inpatient Hospital services
- Outpatient Hospital services
- Medical Laboratory and X-ray services
- HEALTH CHECK (EPSDT) services for children under the age of 21
- Physician services including nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, physician assistant, and anesthesia services. Examples of Physician services are:
 - ✓ Prenatal and Maternity care
 - ✓ Routine office visits
 - ✓ Specialty consultations and/or treatment
 - ✓ Physician administered medications
- Home Health services
- Private Duty Nursing services
- Therapy services (e.g. physical, occupational, and speech pathology therapies, and audiology)
- Medical equipment and medical supplies including hearing aids, orthotics, prosthetics, and nutritional supplements
- Podiatry services
- Chiropractic services
- Ambulance services
- Vision services
- Skilled Care
- Family Planning services
- Services provided at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC)
- Birthing Centers
- Pediatric Feeding Disorder services

These services must be provided by providers who participate in the network of your Managed Care plan.




Services not Covered by your Managed Care Plan












- There are other services that your Medicaid Managed Care plan does not cover, **but that Medicaid still covers. THE SERVICES LISTED BELOW ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO YOU:**
- Dental services
- Prescription drugs
- Non-Emergency Transportation
- Personal Assistance Services (PAS)
- Long Term Care
- Home and Community Based Waiver Services (HCBS)
- Hospice services
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse services

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2012 CoventryCares of Nebraska Plan Overview

Service Area	All 93 counties in Nebraska.	
Enrollee Satisfaction	If you are not happy with your health care, call: 1-888-784-2693 or call 711 if you have a speech or hearing impairment and use a TTY.	
Specialists, Hospitals and Urgent Care Centers	Go to www.CoventryNebraskaMedicaid.com for Coventry providers: over 1800 primary care locations, 4000 specialist locations, 66 hospitals and 40 urgent care centers.	
Referral Process	No referrals needed for care from participating providers.	
Medical Benefits	All benefits are \$0 copay: doctor services, school physicals, maternity and baby care, hospital, ambulance, chiropractic, durable medical equipment (DME), eye care and glasses, family planning, hearing aids, home health, medical tests, physical/speech/occupational therapy, stop smoking classes, emergency and urgent care.	
Language Capabilities	Bilingual providers are available who speak: Spanish, Bengali, Farsi, French, German, Hindi, Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Lebanese, Pakastani, Creole, Punjabi, Swahili, Japanese, Ibo, Phillipina, Russian, Serbo Croation, Bosnian, American Sign Language, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Polish, Yoruba, Swedish, Tagalog, Telugu, Urdu	
Translation Capabilities	Language translation is available from Customer Service at: 1-888-784-2693 (TTY: 711) and at your doctor's office.	
Special Needs	Special needs members can use a specialist as their primary care provider (PCP). All special needs members may enroll in case management. All providers have offices and parking accessible to the physically disabled. Some have devices for the hearing and visually impaired. For the hearing or speech impaired who use a TTY, members may call 711. Member materials available in other formats.	
Wellness and Education	 <p>Portable Crib program (free) Text4baby Health reminders program Welcome calls & new member education materials Child Immunization and Check-Up Reminders Congestive heart failure program High risk pregnancy program High blood pressure program Prenatal/childbirth education classes (all ages) Flu shots and immunizations Health care reminders KidsHealth, Provider Search and information about staying healthy available online 24/7 on www.CoventryNebraskaMedicaid.com Community outreach, education and partner programs with Federally Qualified Health Centers, Tribal and Rural Health Clinics, and other community service groups</p>	<p>Post-partum Gift Card (free) The Bear Facts newsletter Member handbook Asthma management Diabetes program Obesity program Family planning Parenting classes (all ages) Stop smoking classes</p>
Special Programs	-Boy Scout membership (free) -Girl Scout membership (free) -Doc Bear Club -Member advisory board -Breast pump rentals for nursing moms -24/7 Nurse Line for health questions -Member ID card	
Care Management	Coventry nurses will work closely with you and your Primary Care Provider to manage your medical care. New member packets and quarterly mailings are in English and Spanish. Coventry nurses provide health education, help members get services, coordinate care with doctors and coordinate hospital-to-home care. Our nurses work with primary doctors to help members get care through their medical home. Coventry nurses are available Monday through Friday. Call 1-800-471-0240 (TTY: 711).	
Customer Service	Customer Service available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Central, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mountain, at 1-888-784-2693 (TTY: 711). For transportation to medical appointments, call 1-855-230-5353 , TTY: 1-855-230-5354 .	

Service Area	Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Gage, Lancaster, Otoe, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward, and Washington counties
Enrollee Satisfaction	If you are not satisfied with your health care, call: 1-800-641-1902 (toll free) or for hearing impaired call 1-800-833-7352 (TTY: 711).
 Specialists, Hospitals and Urgent Care Centers	Specialists: www.UHCCommunityPlan.com/plan/details/NE/159/MEDICAID/find-a-provider Hospitals: www.UHCCommunityPlan.com/plan/details/NE/159/MEDICAID/find-a-provider Urgent Care Centers: www.UHCCommunityPlan.com/plan/details/NE/159/MEDICAID/find-a-provider
 Referral Process	You do not need a referral to see a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan doctor.
 Medical Benefits	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provides the basic Medicaid benefits which include: visits to your doctor, hospital, emergency room and urgent care; shots for all family members; family planning; care for you and your baby; physical, speech and occupational therapy; Durable Medical Equipment (DME); chiropractic care; medical tests; home health care; hearing aids; vision services; eye exams and glasses. Additional benefits include: yearly physical exams for each family member; circumcisions for males of all ages. Current copayments in effect as of 7/1/2012 are waived.
 Language Capabilities	Free telephonic interpretation services are available to all UnitedHealthcare Community Plan providers and members by calling 1-800-641-1902. We have doctors who can speak your language such as: Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, French, Taiwanese, Vietnamese, as well as many other languages.
 Translation Capabilities	Your member handbook is available in English and Spanish and may be requested for the hearing and visually impaired by calling Member Service at 1-800-833-7352 (TTY: 711). Please call Member Service for more information at 1-800-641-1902.
 Special Needs	Member Service will contact you to complete a health risk assessment to identify your needs. This information is used to enroll you in a Special Care Management Program. If you have Special Needs, you can ask for a Specialist to serve as your Primary Care Provider (PCP). Doctors and Hospitals have offices and parking accessible to the physically disabled. Some have devices for the hearing and visually impaired. TTY is available by calling 711.
 Wellness and Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Healthy First Steps program helps you during your pregnancy, providing educational materials. Call 1-800-599-5985. – New members receive a personal welcome call and educational materials. – You will receive our "HealthTalk" member newsletter four times a year giving you general health information. – You will also receive reminder postcard mailings for your child's shots and yearly exams. – We partner with agencies in your community, Doctor's offices, Federally Qualified Health Centers and provide wellness education programs. – You'll receive information to help you have healthy habits with Sesame Street "Food for Thought" and Dr. Health E. Hound material. – Disease specific educational materials will be mailed to members with certain conditions.
 Special Programs and Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Current copayments in effect as of 7/1/2012 are waived. – The Healthy First Steps & Diaper Rewards Programs help you during your pregnancy. – Prenatal, Lamaze, and/or Parenting classes (all ages) – Asthma, Diabetes and/or Obesity Management Program (all ages) – Hypertension Management – Dedicated Nurse Care Managers for members in Care Management and Disease Management Programs Value Added Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Member Service Call Center. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-641-1902. – NurseLine. Call for information and advice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-877-543-4293. – Language Line interpretation services, call 1-800-641-1902 – Diaper Rewards program. Free diapers when you complete prenatal and postpartum checkups, call 1-888-303-6163 – Transportation for your WIC appointment, Parenting classes including Lamaze, Health and Wellness classes and meetings. To arrange transportation, call AMR ACCESS2Care at 1-855-230-5353.
 Care Management	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Nurse Care Managers will work closely with you and your Primary Care Provider in managing your medical care. Nurse Care Managers are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by calling 1-877-856-6351. A Behavioral Health Advocate is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by calling 1-800-548-6549 ext. 63531.
 Customer Service	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Member Service Representatives are available to assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-641-1902. View member handbook, find a doctor, hospital or urgent care center and many other resources at www.uhccommunityplan.com .

How to Receive Medical Transportation Services

Transportation is available if you cannot get to and from the doctor's office and pharmacy. You will need to call AMR/Access2Care at **1-855-230-5353** to set up this transportation. You should call AMR/Access2Care at least three (3) business days before your appointment to schedule a ride.

Grievances and Appeals

Grievances

A grievance is a complaint involving access to care, quality of care, or communication issues with your Managed Care plan or PCP. If you have a grievance about your health care, contact the member representative from your Managed Care plan that you are enrolled in and work through their grievance process. Refer to your member handbook from your Managed Care plan on how to contact them. You can file a grievance by phone or in writing.

Appeals

An appeal is asking for a formal hearing when you disagree with a decision made by your Managed Care plan. You have the right to appeal when your Managed Care plan has made a decision to deny a service authorization request, to authorize a service in an amount, duration, or scope that is requested, or if your services are suspended, reduced, discontinued, or terminated. You also have a right to file an appeal if you disagree with any decision made by your Managed Care plan. Your Managed Care plan must send you a written notice of any action listed above.

There are two ways you can file an appeal:

1. Request an appeal with your Managed Care plan.

- Contact a member representative from your Managed Care plan either by phone or in writing. Please refer to your member handbook on how to file an appeal with your plan.
- You have ninety (90) days from the date on your notice of action to request a hearing.
- In cases where the Managed Care plan is required to send you timely and adequate notice, if you request an appeal hearing within ten (10) days following the date of the notice, the plan must continue your services.
- You may represent yourself at this hearing or be represented by another person.

2. Request a State Fair Hearing.

- The appeal request for a State Fair Hearing must be in writing.
- Send your appeal request to:

DHHS, Legal Services Hearing Officer Section
P.O. Box 98914
Lincoln, NE 68509-8914

- You have 90 days from the date on the notice of action to request a State Fair Hearing.
- In cases where the Managed Care plan is required to send you timely and adequate notice, if you request a State Fair Hearing within 10 days following the date of the notice, the plan must continue your services.
- Once you have filed the appeal request for a State Fair Hearing, a hearing will be scheduled and you will be notified of the time and place.
- You may represent yourself at this hearing or be represented by another person.

You have the right to file an appeal with your health plan; to request a State Fair Hearing; or both.

Can I Change my Managed Care Plan or Doctor?

The Managed Care Program requires that you have a Managed Care plan and Primary Care Provider (PCP). From the time you receive your notice of enrollment letter, you will have 90 days to change your Managed Care plan for any reason. After this 90-day period, you must remain with your Managed Care plan for 12 months. Changes cannot be made during the 12-month period except for the following:

- A request for disenrollment by you for good cause
- A request for disenrollment by your provider for good cause
- When DHHS imposes intermediate sanctions on the plan

You will receive in the mail about 60 days before the end of your 12-month enrollment period information about your open enrollment period. You will then receive a notice that you will have a chance to choose a new Managed Care plan. You will need to contact the Medicaid Enrollment Center at (402) 471-7715 in the Lincoln area or 1-888-255-2605 to change your Managed Care plan.

You may request a change in your plan (disenrollment) for “good cause” at any time. Some examples of good cause are:

- Poor quality of care given by your medical providers (e.g., not enough treatment for a medical condition, refusal to give referrals for a second opinion)
- Lack of access to covered medical services
- Lack of access to medical providers

To request disenrollment, you will need to contact the Medicaid Enrollment Center. They will forward the request to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care for a decision. You will be notified by DHHS of the decision.

You may change your PCP at any time. You will need to contact your Managed Care plan to request this change.

What if I Move?

The Managed Care plan you choose today may not be available where you move! You must report your new address to **ACCESSNebraska** at 1-800-383-4278 or www.accessnebraska.ne.gov. If your Managed Care plan is not available where you move, you will get a notice in the mail letting you know you will need to make a change. If the Managed Care plan you choose today is not available where you move, you will need to call the **Medicaid Enrollment Center** at (402) 471-7715 in the Lincoln area or **1-888-255-2605**.

Federally Qualified Health Centers

In Nebraska, there are 8 health care facilities that provide culturally sensitive health care services to persons who are medically underserved. They are called Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). These clinics offer a wide variety of preventive and primary health care services. Clinic staff includes physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, and health educators. These clinics are also a part of the Medicaid Managed Care Program.

Services provided at these clinics:

- Well-Child Care & Immunizations
- Urgent Care
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening
- Minor Surgical Procedures
- Pregnancy Testing & Counseling
- Anonymous HIV Testing
- Referrals for Specialty Care
- Women's Health Exams
- Family Planning
- School & Sports Physical Exams
- Interpretation Services
- STD Checks & Education
- Laboratory Testing
- Nutrition Counseling
- Primary Health Care
- WIC
- Women's Health Education
- Diabetic Education
- Referrals to Community Services

The FQHCs available to you are:

NEBRASKA URBAN INDIAN MEDICAL CENTER-Lincoln
(402) 434-7177

PEOPLE'S HEALTH CENTER-Lincoln
(402) 476-1455

CHARLES DREW HEALTH CENTER-Omaha
(402) 457-1200

ONE WORLD COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS-Omaha
(402) 734-4110

CASS FAMILY MEDICINE-Plattsmouth
(402) 296-2345

GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER-Columbus
(402) 562-8955

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF WESTERN NEBRASKA-Gering
(308) 635-3089

NORFOLK COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER-Norfolk
(402) 644-7314

*Check with each clinic individually for office hours, making appointments,
and how to contact a doctor after hours.*

Important Contact Information

- To choose a Managed Care plan and PCP, call the **Medicaid Enrollment Center** at (402) 471-7715 in the Lincoln area or **1-888-255-2605**.
- To schedule a ride to a medical appointment, call **AMR/Access2Care** at **1-855-230-5353**.
- To report an address change, pregnancy, or any other change that would affect your Medicaid eligibility, call **ACCESSNebraska** at **1-800-383-4278**.
- For Mental Health and Substance Abuse services, call **Magellan Behavioral Health** at 1-800-424-0333.
- To change your PCP, ask questions related to Managed Care, or to ask questions about the Lock-In Program, call your health plan at:



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